

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) Damping device (~~1~~) for damping the kinetic energy of at least one movable cabinet components component, which include comprising:

a first damping element (~~2; 102~~) with a first cylinder (~~3; 103~~) that has a first piston (~~4; 104~~), which slides lengthwise in it the first cylinder; and

at least one second damping element (~~20; 120~~) with a second cylinder (~~21; 121~~) that has a second piston (~~22; 122~~), which slides lengthwise in it the second cylinder;  
whereby both

wherein the damping elements are located one behind the other in a serial arrangement and form an integral system; is characterized by the fact that; each of the damping elements (~~2; 20; 102; 120~~) is designed as a pneumatic (air) damper, and each one has a compression chamber (~~8 and/or 26; 108 and/or 126~~) and an expansion chamber (~~9 and/or 27; 109 and/or 127~~) that have variable volumes; whereby, and each piston has a the damping effects of the damping elements are affected by the guide canals (~~7, 12, 112, 125, 130~~) canal, which control the controls the air distribution and air flow within and between at least one of the respective compression chambers and/or, the respective expansion chambers, and the respective compression and expansion chambers, and which affects damping effects of the damping elements.

2. (currently amended) Damping device, according to claim 1, is characterized by the fact that wherein each damping element (~~2; 20; 102; 120~~) has a seal (~~5, 23; 105; 123~~) between the largest diameter an outer circumference of the respective piston and the inside diameter an inner circumference of the corresponding cylinder.

3. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 or claim 2~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein the piston of the first damping element is

~~directly affected by~~ operably connected to the piston of the second damping element during ~~the~~ a predetermined entire operating distance of the damping device.

4. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 3~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein the ~~second~~ expansion chamber of the second damping element ~~follows directly~~ is disposed rearward of the first compression chamber of the first damping element and is separated from this the compression chamber of the first damping element by a partition (30; 140).

5. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 4~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein a piston rod of the second piston projects through an opening in the partition (30; 140) into the ~~first~~ compression chamber of the first damping element so that ~~the~~ a front side of the ~~second~~ piston rod of the second piston is taken up into a respective recess (10; 110) of the first piston.

6. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 5~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein a seal (31; 141) is provided between the piston rod of the second piston and the ~~bore hole of~~ opening in the partition.

7. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 6~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein a spring (32; 142) is located in the second damping element in order to affect a resetting force on the damping elements.

8. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 7~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein the ~~second~~ expansion chamber of the second damping element is ~~connected to the~~ in communication with an external environment by an opening (28; 128) formed in the expansion chamber of the second damping element.

9. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 8~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein a piston rod of the first piston is guided through a cylinder cap (11; 111) into the ~~open~~ external environment whereby, the ~~first~~ expansion chamber of the first damping element is ~~connected~~ in communication with

the external environment by a remaining gap between a the cylinder cap (11; 111) and the piston rod (4; 104) ~~remaining gap with the external environment.~~

10. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 9~~, is ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the guide canal of the first piston (4) has in the longitudinal direction a guide canal (7) in the form of a through further comprises a bore-hole extending longitudinally through the first piston, by which connects the first compression chamber (8) of the first damping element is in communication with the external environment.

11. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 10~~, is ~~characterized by the fact that~~ wherein the guide canal of the second piston (22) has in the longitudinal direction a guide canal (25) in the form of a through further comprises a bore-hole extending longitudinally through the second piston that connects by which the second compression chamber (26) of the second damping element is in communication with the external environment.

12. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 11~~, is ~~characterized by the fact that both~~ wherein the guide canals (7, 25) of the first and second pistons are connected air-guided to each other in communication with one another.

13. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 12~~, is ~~characterized by the fact that~~ further comprising a leakage canal (12) is formed in the recess (10) area, of the first piston by which connects the first compression chamber (8) to of the first damping element is in communication with the guide canal (7) of the first piston.

14. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 9~~, is ~~characterized by the fact that a~~ wherein the guide canal (125) of the second piston is located on the outside a surface portion of piston rod of the second piston and extends in the a longitudinal direction of the second piston rod (124), going out of the

second piston a predetermined distance from its free end, which extends over a certain length the front face of the piston rod, (124) and during a certain section of the operating distance of the second piston (122), connects whereby the first compression chamber (108) connects to of the first damping element is in communication with the second expansion chamber (127) of the second damping element during a portion of a predefined operating distance of the second piston.

15. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9~~ or claim 14, is characterized by the fact that further comprising a guide canal (130) is of the second cylinder located on the an inner wall of the second cylinder and extending in the a longitudinal direction of the second cylinder (121), going out a predetermined distance from the an end area of the second cylinder, and extends over a certain length of the cylinder and during a certain section of the operating distance of the second piston (124), connecting whereby the second compression chamber (126) to of the second damping element is in communication with the second expansion chamber (127) of the second damping element during a portion of a predefined operating distance of the second piston.

16. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to claim 9~~, is characterized by the fact that wherein the guide canal of the second piston (22) has in the longitudinal direction a guide canal (25) in the form of a through- further comprises a bore-hole extending longitudinally through the second piston, by which connects the first compression chamber (108) to of the first damping element is in communication with the second compression chamber (127) of the second damping element.

15. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9~~ or claim 14, is characterized by the fact that further comprising a guide canal (130) is of the second cylinder located on the an inner wall of the second cylinder and extending in the a longitudinal direction of the second cylinder (121), going out a predetermined distance from the an end area of the second cylinder, and extends over a certain length of the cylinder and during a certain section of the operating distance of the second piston

(124), ~~connecting whereby~~ the second compression chamber (126) ~~to~~ of the second damping element is in communication with the second expansion chamber (127) of the second damping element during a portion of a predefined operating distance of the second piston.

17. (currently amended) Damping device, according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 9 or claim~~ 16, is ~~characterized by the fact that~~ further comprising a guide canal (130) is of the second cylinder located on the an inner wall of the second cylinder and extending in the a longitudinal direction of the second cylinder (121) and goes out a predetermined distance from the an end area of the second cylinder, which extends over a certain length of the cylinder and during a certain section of the operating distance of the second piston (22), whereby the second compression chamber (126) of the second damping element connects is in communication with the second expansion chamber (127) of the second damping element during a portion of a predefined operating distance of the second piston.